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and to my wife

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Introduction

I was born during the Second World War when India was under the British Rule. The struggle for Independence was in full swing since after the 1942 Quit India movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

In fact my some what proper education (where Tamil, English and Maths were the only subjects taught) was in a single teacher transit military ammunition department camp middle school. But that school was closed when the military camp was moved to the North India. This learning was after my village Pial school. Now we have a Panchayat Union Primary School within the same village and it was a privilege for us to donate a piece of land for establishing the school. Incidentally the primary school has a single teacher only.

It was my privilege to become a member of the One Body, the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Around the age of ten I bought a Tamil Bible, then sold for Rs. 2.50 and started reading it over and over again. It was the biggest Book then I saw and began to read; ever since it has started to grow to be the Biggest Book to acquire spiritual power and knowledge as I study it in different languages and in different editions with various study

helps. Every day it appears a new Book with new insight, strength and guidance.

Abraham Lincoln:

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book."

George Mullur, after reading the Bible for 54 years said,

"The vigor of our Spiritual Life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts. I solemnly state this from the experience of fifty four years."

D.L. Moody said,

"I prayed for faith, and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come."

"One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God;' I had closed my Bible and prayed for Faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study and my faith has been growing ever since."

(H. H. Hally's Pocket Bible Hand Book, 1964, 19th ed., 5th printing pp.5).

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I do hope the Christmas Millenniums poems be a blessing to the readers and bring honour and glory to GOD.

“Twinkle twinkle Bethlehem Star!
How I wonder What you are!”

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FOREWORD

It gives me great pleasure to go through the Anthology of the five poems composed by Dr.V. Gnanasikhamani under the title Christmas Millenniums. These poems are the out pouring of the matured heart of a Christian devotee, soaked in various aspects of Christianity, especially, the sublime teachings of Jesus Christ and Christian heroism for which His life is a standing model and perennial example.

These poems composed mostly in blank verse remind us of the composition of T.S. Elliot's. "The Waste Land", which brings many episodes and multifarious events belonging to various ages and various linguistic and cultural heritages in one place forming a close thematic unity among the diversity of episodes. The first poem entitled Christmas Millenniums is divided into

three parts wherein the first part deals with the significant biographical events of Christ followed by few subsequent events of history that took place in the neighbouring countries including Persia, Rome and other places. It reads like a carefully and aesthetically arranged catalogue of epoch-making events in the history starting from the birth of Jesus Christ upto the present century wherein we are living.

The part dealing with the second Millennium speaks about the emergence of multifarious sects and schisms as well as epoch-making events throughout the world including the light shed by Martin Luther who unlocked the imprisoned Bible and the composition of the great devotional works of John Milton and John Bunyan who are the torch bearers of the Puritan Movement. The rise and fall of ideas and ideologies, dogmas and doctrines, great emperors and great kings are very beautifully and artistically brought together by the esemplastic power of creative imagination, a term powerfully used by the critics of English Romantic poetry. The reformation and restoration as well as the remedies found out for so many maladies that took place in various countries and the uses and abuses of modern findings of information technology including website, and internets followed by viruses and Y2K bug dangers have been made proper themes for modern poetry that emerged as part of the superstructure of an age of science and technology.

The third part presents the Christian heroism, the heroism exhibited by Jesus of Nazareth at the cross, as the only solution for historical and personal problems in a mutable and transient world. The presentation of events and the arrangements of episodes make these poem a good piece of modern poetry with a strong spiritual undertone.

The second poem, though little satiric in tone, is designed like a moving prayer poem which prays earnestly for the Peace of Jerusalem. The eternal enemy of God and man has shattered into pieces of the beautiful city of Jerusalem which has been a battlefield for the Arabs and Israelites, a place where the dawn of hope for the entire world made its wonderful appearance. The poem concludes with the benediction "May peace be within you".

The third poem under the title In His Steps is a poem of devotion indeed, which gives an emotional outlet to the deeply rooted religious feelings of this matured poet. This devotional poem touches the heart of the readers like the waters of Jordan touching the sacred feet of Jesus Christ. God's steps are described as gateway ladder from Earth to Heaven, an appropriate comparison with a touch of deep theological reflection, and with a typical oriental stamp.

This collection also comprises of two more comparatively shorter poems with an epilogue. The poem

entitled Cross Roads has the unique theme namely the crucifixion of the only begotten son of God, an example of human brutality which has been defeated by the divine mercy and compassion of Christ. The final poem presents Christian theology in a very attractive manner. On the whole, historical events, scientific inventions, theological contemplations all have been transformed and presented in the form of beautiful poetry which echo and re-echo in our minds reminding of the many events and incidents already lingering in our minds eye like a faint shadow with popular nursery rhymes with little changes "Oh! twinkle twinkle Bethlehem Star. How I wonder what you are!".

I congratulate this author who is also one of the leading scholars of Tamil Christian literature for having composed such a beautiful poem in English with a broader international appeal. It is indeed a matter of pride and privilege for me to welcome this scholar-poet at the beginning of a successful and meaningful great endeavour for the peace and prosperity of humanity at large.

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PREFACE

Dr. V. Gnanasikhamani's mini-epic, CHRISTMAS MILLENNIUMS is a poetic compilation of the Gospel story in the context of our world today. The unique structure of his work is mildly reminiscent of Vikram Seth's. SAN FRANCISCO. If this is considered too strong an analogy, we should remind ourselves that Christian literature is woefully bereft of the poetic form, regardless of what style of poetry is considered. Therefore, it is extremely refreshing to have in one's hands Dr. Gnanasikhamani's literary effort with its originality and freshness. Together with this, we can rejoice in that ancient message of redemption, knowing it's a message that works and needs to be proclaimed world-wide.

Another very commendable factor with regard to this is the fact that Dr. Gnanasikhamani has a doctorate in Tamil literature and has numerous books to his credit in the Tamil language. This poem shows he is no stranger to the composition of English literature as well. And of course, CHRISTMAS MILLENNIUMS also shows us that he is no stranger to the message itself.

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ONE

CHRISTMAS MILLENNIUMS

The Advent

'Onward Christian Soldiers,
Marching on to Millennium Third :-
With the Bethlehem twinkling Star.
Twinkle twinkle wonderful Star!
Are you also the morning Star?
Or merged with the morning Stars
That sang at earth's foundation Stone!
Ever over the Eastern Skies;
Not just in December months;
But from time immemorial!
Yet in the fullness of time of God the Father;
His Holy Spirit in the seed of woman,
Heralded the new born King;
Angles singing; shepherds visiting;
The Light of life illuminated the inn manger-
The cattle and flock made joyful noise-
For their substitute sacrifice is born!
But the mother at the manger musing-
Not without brooding on what the angles said-

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In the human history Immanuel's birth registered,
You appeared to the wisemen bridging East and West.
By shedding light on death's darkness-
And paving way to the Golgatha cliff,
Witnessed God's Son slained on the rugged cross.
Shedding holy blood by pierced nails -
For saving humans from sin sickness and death.
You moved to Joseph's new cemetery:
Witnessed the mightiest of world events,
Ever on earth's face, the resurrection;
He rose! Christ Jesus rose, conquered death;
Satan's head crushed; Paradise regained;
Enemies fabled; friends shocked!
Apostles confused; but Jesus Christ appeared!
Many proofs of Resurrection;
Forty days and forty nights;
You witnessed Him reaching to the Father's abode,
Giving great commission to His Apostles
Assuring them of His return in His Father's choice,

You twinkle, twinkle wonderful Star,
Witnessed the pouring Holy Spirit on Pentecost,
Peter and Paul preaching from Jerusalem to Illirikam;
Thomas to India -
Spreading the goodnews to Earth's four corners

Reaching to the Horizons.

At the same time -

By the Holy Spirit inspired writers,

The New Testament concealed Old Testament,

Became the revealed New Testament Scriptures!

The Book of books with last days revelation,

The Bible God's Word to humans.

Double six Books destroying treble six evils.

1

Marvelous, the advent of the FIRST MILLENNIUM:

Spreading the light of life in the light of Scriptures.

Babylon, the Great disappeared with its slavery;

Medo - Persia perished; empires came and gone;

Apocrypha had its rule with the Maccabees.

The Holy Roman Empire took the global throne;

The Way, the Life and the Truth stood at crossroads,

Crossroads of diversified countries and cultures.

The Adversary with his sorceries and witchcrafts,

Idolateries, human and nature deifications;

With astrologies and ornaments,

Devised deceptive strategies to counter and confuse,

The Way, the Truth, the Life, Christ Jesus.

Yet the Church of Christ born on Pentecost,

The last days' Isaiah's prophesy,

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The highest mountain of God's House;
Daniel's prophetic kingdom indestructible,
The kingdom of God on earth scattered, yet spread!
Persecutions and perversions seem to prevail,
But the Holy Roman Empire had fallen,
Leaving roads onto all cultures to reach.
Hellenism and Romanism loosing ground,
Roman Catholicism eclipsed the One Body.
Holy crusades fought and lost;
Dark ages of social, political and religious turmoils,
Encamped on the human race and peace;
Dictators and benevolent despots disappeared!
The unseen powers and terrors!
You are seeing and witnessing.

2

The second Millennium ushered -
Philosophies, multiple cultures, rationalism;
Atheism encroached upon traditional religious faiths;
In no small chaos; confusion worse confounded.
Magics and astrologies and many - isms;
Aryanism, Vedism and Casteism;
Ancient Dravidian Culture shapping Aryanism;
In revolt Jainism and Buddhism; bakthi movements -
Of Southern Saivaism and Vaishnavism;

And colonialism and communism;
Bahaism, Sikism and Confucianism;
Traditions dogmatized to add fuel to the confusion.
Yet, East and West, South and North brought closer;
The bamboo and iron curtains struggled to rule
The 'Holy of Holy's mission field;
The earthly utopia got dismayed, hence dismantled;
But commerce and navigations,
Further proved Babel's tower;
Languages, literatures and idolatries flourished,
Producing multiple cultures of manifold dimensions.
The scattered chosen Israel almost extinguished on earth,
That gave further rise to Arabs.
But to be rebuilt as promised by the prophets.
As the second millennium progressed;
The world events of all earlier millenniums converged,
To a point of awakening of brilliant reasons;
Liberty, fraternity and universal brotherhood emphasized;
Martin Luther- the light emerged from the dark ages;
Unlocked the imprisoned Bible, in people's languages;
Reformation and counter Reformation confirmed the Bible.
Findings of archeology further proved the Bible,
Yet the common man got God's Word in common languages;
Confusions on creation etcetras got clarified.
The great flood and the Babel tower became realities.

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John Bunyan and John Milton,
Torchbearers of the Puritan movement,
The freedom loving Pilgrim Fathers,
Were sowing seeds of restoration movements.
Renaissance ushered in giving way to discoveries,
In Science and Technology to reach the Atomic Age.
Western countries, trade adventures, wealth seekers,
Widened the horizons of geographical knowledge.
Great Britain built an empire worldwide,
Resulting in warring alliance of nations;
World wars one and two
Further grouping the nations - United Nations.
Atom and Hydrogen bombs
Became prestigious power perils,
Inter-continental ballistic missiles inadequate defense?
National missile defense system of Star Wars contemplated;
Cluster bombs struggled to penetrate evil networks;
Creator's benevolence on His creation entire,
Got webbed into destructive arsenal network,
Communications of all sorts and super travalites,
Reduced the geographical gap as if at the next gate,
The Big Bang theory, loosing its hold
To the facts of astrophysics;
Elohim's creative power prevailed over evolution theories.
The missing link is still missing-in the gape of unbelief,

The universe is here forever; wonder of wonder !
Declaring the glories of Elohim, the immortal Ancient,
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The opened Word of God, the Bible, further opened,
The honest sincere truth seekers searched the Scriptures;
To mention a few Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone,
And a host of other Bible luminaries,
Errets up to DeWelts;
As faithful inquirers searched God's Word;
Pained at the division of the body of Christ;
Took the Bible spoke where it spoke;
Kept silent with the law of expedience,
Where God's Word was silent;
Searched for the old paths, going to the origins,
The fountain springs of inspired Scripture Canon;
Shed the restoration light on Christian unity.
As disciples, Christians, Christian disciples;
Discovering the Church's Head, Christ Jesus.
The declaration and address of the Holy Scriptures;
Calling to unite in One Body, Christ Jesus;
Confessing no creed but Christ;
Remedial system for man and his redeemer;
To dismiss divisions and sectarian names,
Millennial harbinger, Restoration heralds,
Bible colleges, International Bible schools,

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Multiple teaching and preaching ministries;
Health cares and orphan homes;
Publishing companies and Christian Standards
Missions, Conventions, Missionary Enterprises,
Tapes, Videos, CDs and broadcastings;
A host of other gospel messengers.
Oh! Star of Ephrata you are shining as ever before;
Are you also the polar star of unity!
Or the representative of-
The planetary heavenly systems and galaxies,
Expanding peoples' knowledge
By telescopes and space missions;
But earthquakes, volcanoes, super cyclones of nature cries,
Are modern additions to multiply man's agonies,
Barbaric terrorisms reducing humans to beasts,
That resulted in Afghan wars;
Iraq Baghdad invasions;
Matchless wars of terror on Terrorism
Brushing the memory of Bible events.
On the banks of river Tigris,
E-mails and satellites for communications;
Computer systems of countless entities;
Websites, Internets of instant information;
Yet though with viruses and Y2K bug dangers.
Cell Phones competing with telephones;

Sin, garbage of all millenniums, divine fire destroy,
You, Oh! Star of Bethlehem, witnessing the Millenniums.

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As you led the Maggie's to the manger
Lead us Morning Star into Millennium Third;
And on to the second sinless advent of Christ the vicar,
My faith assures, you are shining as ever before -
As each day the morning star appears;
But, perhaps, hidden to the unbelievers' eyes;
The terror of terrorism, the spiritual terror,
That took place first in heaven's territory,
Who knows its tragic magnitude but God's Spirit?
The Leader of all terrorism is the evil Devil.
God threw him down from celestial abode to the abyss;
Organized the terrors in deceptive coverages;
Promising knowledge of good and evil;
Infected Eve with lustful eyes.
The will and mind that God gave to humankind,
The adversary blinded with eternal blindness.
The Theocritic Freedom of Democratic Choice,
To choose between good and evil,
The Creator gave to Adam and Eve
Thwarted the Devil by deceptive designs;
Alas! The tragic catastrophe, the fall, Paradise lost;
Sin entered the earth; death and terrorism globalized.

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The devil battled with deceptive goals.
Fight terrorism of all kinds.
Whether nuclear, radiological, chemical,
Biological, new threats of cyber terrorisms;
Or in trials of faith and tribulations
With the powerful weapon, the sword of the Spirit
It is a war to be fought individually and globally.
It is Mahanaim El-Shaddai's battle,
The general in the forefront with command call,
As the leader, fighter, provider and banner.
When Red Sea confronts,
The fire and cloud pillar guide and protect
When river Jordan come across
Faith ark covenant divide the waters;
Hence, go into the world;
Share the mighty message, the Gospel.
The Word of God, the keys of God's kingdom;
When put on with the whole Armour of God,
That you are to stand firm and fight;
With the scheme of God,
Against all the schemes of the devil;
Whether anthrax or spiritual anarchism!
The struggle is not against flesh and blood;
But against the forces of darkness;
Against spiritual forces of wilderness.
With the preparation of the Gospel of peace,
God fights along with truth and righteousness.

He is the God of armies who fights for infinite justice,
You twinkle, twinkle little star everywhere!
How I wonder what you are - the Bethlehem Star;
Christ Jesus of Nazareth,
The hope of human redemption.
While watching on His Millennium reign;
Witnessing the millenniums in the millennial midst;
As India celebrated with Jesus Christ's stamp.
Millenniums might come and go!
People might come and go!
Revolutions might rise and fall!
Civilizations might change and cease!
Kinds of wars might be fought and lost!
Even Bethlehem may be under alien rule,
Where Israelites and Ishamaelites fight for rule;
But you are ever sovereign in the cosmic skies.
The cosmic star, governing the cosmology!
I entreat that you and I shine more, in His light!
With peace, Joy and conquering faith.
In the Millennium Third 2000's
As just Christian disciples progress pilgrims,
In the spirit of unity and the bond of love,
Living your faith in the light of love,
Every hour of every day in every year!
Every happy Christmas and happy New Year!



PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

The 'Peace' of Jerusalem;
By the eternal enemy of God and man,
Shattered into 'pieces'
Many times - many ways -
Israelites and the Arabs fighting for earthly shares
So the peace of One Body;
Founded on the Pentecost day;
Spread to all corners of the earth.
But peace on earth and goodwill
God did proclaim in Bethlehem,
In the birth of His Son,
In the fullness of time,
It is eternal, personal and universal peace.
Glory to God in the highest;
It has lots of potential;
It is beyond all understandings;
Peace for the multitude panic-stricken.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM 13

Christ Jesus offered His own peace,
To the best of my knowledge,
Not anyone anywhere who claimed as 'deity'
On the earth ever offered his peace;
Except the Prince of Peace-
But not possible for any gods.
Why? None died on the cross;
To destroy peace's enemy - the devil
Eternal peace demands a death price
Outside Jerusalem's corridors.
Demand is big, death of God's only Son;
Heavens shedding grace,
Covered earthen - tombs breaking
Some dead also raising, shocking.
Blood and water for peace shed,
Blood and water at his birth,
Paved the way for final war of peace -
Infinite justice of peace for everyone.
DO YOU HAVE?...
Real peace of mind and body;
Peace of unity, of being in One Body.
The Church of the Living God,
The pillar and ground of the truth,
Is your faith body divided?
The peace 'that passeth all understanding'

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Available to anyone, anywhere, anytime!
God's love, the giver;
Man's faith the receiver.
But death must take place;
Death to sin - repentance of Pentecost,
Death to divisions- opposed to unity,
Baptized in burial with Him,
Live in peace, love in peace,
Unite in peace, pray in peace,
Fellowship in peace;
Partaking in the emblems of His death.
Giving in peace; as God provides;
Spirit of God fill me in Thy peace.
Pray for the peace of the Jerusalem Church
In prevailing, diligent, unceasing supplications;
As the priestly race of Melchizedek -
Bearing your cross the peace banner
For the One Body universal;
"Peace be within your walls,"
Prosperity within your premises,
Restore your peace, faith fortress delivered once.
"May peace be within you."



THREE

IN HIS STEPS

His steps were wet with waters,
As Christ Jesus emerged from the river;
Aenon the place with much water of Jordan,
The law and all the prophecies
Finding fulfilment in His steps,
The incarnated Logos' steps,
The eternal ambrosia divine steps,
Stands as testimonies beside the Father's declaration,
"He is my beloved son; in him I am well pleased".
As heavens opened, the Holy Spirit descended as a dove.
It was signal for John the Baptist,
To identify the Messiah majesty;
Who afterwards to baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire,
Yes, Holy Spirit baptism on Pentecost day -
And in Caesarea's gentile Cornelis household.
But that which is imminent 'is to come
The baptismal fire whether trials or hell -
Are there since then! Awaiting the destined,
What a privilege it is for you and for me,
To recapture our obedience and rejoice;
Or to get ready, to get down into the water,

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Along with a servant of God in faith,
With Jesus Christ to be crucified,
In repenting and confessing,
Being buried in His likeness,
Thereby dying to our sins;
Raising up with Him to new life,
Receiving the greatest gift,
The Holy Spirit from God the Father,
Oh! The glorious day born again;
That heaven and earth rejoiced,
At the altar of atonement!
Being added into the One Body;
Breaking bread in memory fellowship,
So being fed by the Apostles' Doctrine,
As the members remain in the One Body
A divine unity in faith and practice,
Christ Jesus walked several miles;
To river Jordan; his steps are clear.
They are Gateway ladder from Earth to Heaven.
They command obedience in example,
That people may not miss the sacraments,
Sacraments that compliments each others-
Trusting his potentate unfailing promises-
Walking step by step in His steps,
In His steps we are safe in One Body.



FOUR

CROSS ROADS

Cross roads! Cross roads!

The cross became popular on a mountain peak.

It was Golgotha, the "skull hill"

That soon symbolized the cross,

The real swastika of divine appointment;

Where three live bodies crucified;

Sin of wickedness right and left hanged.

The thieves represented the human crimes.

But the middle one body, holy sacrifice;

The body of God's Son reconciling God and man;

That bore the sins of humans on both the sides,

Where the east and west merged for truth;

For atonement at the altar hill, outside the city;

The only begotten Son of God almighty;

At the prime age of youth;

As the Word of God and Son of Man;

As the way, life and truth;

Pulling both people of the east and west,

To the One Body, the Body of Christ Jesus;

The incomparable sacrifice for the sin soaked world.

The sacrifice of the sacrificial yagnas;
Friends and foes on every side,
God the Father up above;
As if the Almighty closed his eyes-
For He can't see the cruel crimes
Neither His righteous anger put in action;
If put in action terrible that could have been;
To the suffering Job's questions -
God confronted him with eighty and more questions;
Referring to His inanimate and animate creations;
Since Job's questions are answered on the cross;
Who can with stand the Almighty's wisdom and power?
Yet His grace and love on the earthly race,
Constrained Him to demonstrate on Calvary-Cross.
The cosmos trembled;
The gods of devil - human origin humbled;
The mid-day sun closed its eyes;
Darkness donned for three hours.
Even the moon and stars lost sight,
Jerusalem city, the citadel of God,
Bore a death night silence.
Both the mockers and seekers, darkness silenced;
Satan hiding in darkness, thought triumphant.
Pilate and his wife confused.
The Sanhedrin sacked in trembling fears;

The crowds that cried, "CRUCIFY HIM," grumbled.
Satan's head crushed as predicted.
But the Son of God and man opened His mouth;
Prayed to the Father to forgive sinners;
Offered paradise to the penitent thief;
Comforted the mother to the loving disciple;
Engulfed darkness disappeared; the light shines,
Uttered words to ponder for ages;
"Eli Eli Lama Sabachthani".
But the anguish of suffering for our salvation-
Left eternal thirst for souls;
Atonement attained once and for all;
Unique Christ wonderful redemption;
It is finished in perfection.
Committed to the Father for eternal communication;
The temple veil tore the barriers.
Some dead rose to life to display God's power,
The army chief saluted with the confession;
"Truly He is the Son of God!"
And so declared the resurrection;
Destroying death's pangs and pains.
The swinging sword shifted from Eden -
To the Golgotha hill showing the light of life;
Inviting the people of east and west,
On the great commission trumpet;

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Cross the roads of all cultures,
Cross the crossroads barriers,
Whether philosophy or philanthropy,
Whether man made religions or-ISMS.
The fourth hand of the Cross,
Driven deep on the rocky mountain;
Stands firm for history's proof;
Calling sinners to become saints.
Before grave itself open its mouth,
Crossroads, cross roads of your barriers,
Cross to the Cross worldwide everywhere,
Reach the Cross before it is too late. AMEN.



FIVE

ALL THINGS TO ALL

1

His word is all things to all.
The earth is full of His statutes
And full of His mercies,
I am a companion of all
Who fear God and keep his precepts
Restore all things to all;
Precept by precept;
At sundry times, in divers manners;
But in perfect pattern;
Spoke here some; and there some;
But all put together in the last days!
In His son;
And made perfect, His will to all,
In the pages of His blood stained covenants:
From word to word and book to book
From gardens Eden to Gethsemane;
The I AM WHO I AM and the WHAT I AM;
The I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE;
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's GOD

With Christ like Moses, the shepherd
From Orab mount to Golgotha cliff;
From Sinai Mount to Zion mount;
From Bethlehem manger to Jerusalem streets;
The criminal cry of "Crucify Him",
Outside City gates on the high grace cliff;
For wicked hands with wicked nails;
Blood stained earth on its face;
As the Saviour faced the Father on his back;
They lifted Him high on the rugged Cross-
The satanic serpent that separated humanity;
The serpent in type lifted up in the wilderness,
Now its head being crushed by His feet;
From on top of highest mercy seat,
The love seat of God descended on Christ,
He prayed in dying love;
Calling the Father to forgive them saying;
'They know not what they do,
And what you do to me,
For them' - 'Forgive them';
It is the high priest's highest prayer;
Unto the lowest of all sinners;
To the wicked Saul of Tarsus and to me,
To one and all of all humanity.
The psychosomatic entity of humans to reach eternity

Prelude to this prayer was on the way to Gethsemane;
The Eastern magics, sorceries and philosophies,
The western hypnotisms, mesmerisms and escapologies,
Neither match nor can be near to its contents.
It was prayer for knowledge of Him and His Father,
It was prayer for unity in Him and the Father,
It was the greatest call to all for unity;
To get ready for the eschatological events;
To be all things to all;
To be in one body, testimony to all;
He bought that body with His blood;
To live in division amounts to dividing His body;
Oh! It amounts to crucifying Him again.
No! None likes this to do.
Honest brothers and sisters search the stem cell,
Call for unity of the One Body;
The Church of Christ, God's kingdom on earth;
Forum after forum restore the One Body,
As instruments in His hand restore unity.
It is the cry of every creation,
Crucify all kinds of divisions and bury;
Search the Scriptures daily and be filled by His Spirit,
Resurrect and restore the One Body,
As He builds in you a temple for Himself
It is not much ado about nothing;

It is everything about everything.

To be or not to be one flock temple,

No alternative but to be one flock temple.

And why?

The one true shepherd - Adonai

Entered the right door - to be the only Door!

Coming from the great shepherd - Jehovah

Unlike the thieves entered differently to devour;

But never gave their lives for the flock.

This innocent little lamb of God, the Father

Slained since the foundations of the world;

By giving His life granted life eternal;

And became worthy to receive the scroll-

The eternal content-mystery of mysteries;

From the one seated on the throne in the Mid-Heavens;

To execute judgments breaking the seals

Eternal joy forever! No more tears!

Hence, Pray, the Great Wine; water us, cleanse us;

To bear fruit - much fruit - abundant fruit;

To glorify the great gardener and the triune God

Build us, as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The Epilogue

2

Oh! Twinkling Bethlehem Star!
 As you mighty twinkling Star!
 Guided and controlled the Eastern wisemen,
 In these last days of complex confrontations;
 Guide us with the Logos-
 Who was since the beginning;
 For in Christ Jesus no East or West;
 But He and His eternal living Word;
 The pilgrims' arsenal of God's Word,
 His realm, reign and regency;
 His universal prayer for unity
 That by His Spirit speaks of one family,
 One Lord, One Body, One Father God of All.

3

Last of all, not least of all,
 The El-Elohe Israel;
 The rock of ages,
 The rock hill of wilderness,
 The dream stone of Nebuchadnezzar,
 The rock of Peter's confession,
 The transcendent glory who reflected the Father,

The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords;
The Alpha, the Omega, and the Lamb;
The Beginning, the End - the Sovereign Lord;
Coming soon, to meet His own - on His terms;
Along open Books and the Book of Life,
With Eternal rewards and retributions;
He is making everything new - Earth and Heaven;
The Mansions are ready! The invitation open-
The Celestial city of Gold, Gems and Pearls -
The New Jerusalem, the Bride;
The river and fruit of Eternal life;
His majesty on the Throne with the Lamb and light;
At your faith sight.
Eternal bliss in His presence.
Praise the Lord! He came to be all for all.
Oh! twinkle twinkle Bethlehem Star!
How I wonder what YOU ARE!

The End

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